

REMARKS

The Office action of August 11, 2004 has been received and its contents carefully noted.

Claims 1-14 are pending in the application. Claims 1-3 have been canceled. Claims 4-12 have been deemed allowable in accordance with the Action. Claims 13-14 have been added without the addition of any new matter, and should be likewise deemed allowable since these claims incorporate allowable subject matter in accordance with the Action.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, this application appears to be in condition for allowance and the Examiner is, therefore, requested to reexamine the application and pass the claims to issue.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Clint A. Gerdine (Reg. 41,035) at telephone number (703) 205-8000, which is located in the Washington, DC area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any

overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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